

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated December 14, 2004, the Examiner issued a restriction/election requirement requiring Applicants to elect one of the following groups:

[1] Group I, claims 1-8 and 36-40 drawn to the specifics of an image capture device (camera) that can communicate with a computer or image processing device;

[2] Group II, claims 9-15 and 28-32 drawn to the specifics of a computer or image processing device that is connected to a camera; and

[3] Group III, claims 16-27 drawn to a method for controlling an image sensing system that comprises a camera and an image processing device (computer) connected together.

In response, Applicants provisionally elect to pursue prosecution of Group I, which includes claims 1-8 and 36-40. This election is made with traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that: (1) all groups of claims are properly presented in the same application; (2) undue diverse searching should not be required; and (3) all claims should be examined together. For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction/election requirement should be withdrawn and an action on the merits of all the claims is respectfully solicited.

AUTHORIZATION

The Response is timely filed. Thus, no fee is due by filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for timely consideration of this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4349US2.

Respectfully submitted,
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